SUBJECT No. 535.

Service inam lands.

Mr. Mir Mahomed Sab, Tarikere taluk.

Summary of Representation.—The purchasers of the service inam lands have been required to part with the same on receipt of the purchase money and the outlay they have incurred in improving them. This is a hardship. It may be ordered that the rule applies only to lands to be alienated hereafter.

SUBJECT No. 536.

Encroachment of public paths in inam villages.

Mr. Gundappa, Mysore District Board.

Summary of Representation—On the requisition of an inamdar Government may be pleased to depute an officer to hold an enquiry if any public paths, etc., are encroached upon by the neighbouring ryots and if so to set them right and to bring the party concerned to book.

FORESTS.

(Nos. 537 to 555.)

SUBJECT No. 537.

Conservation of trees in forest and hiduvali lands.

Mr. Boregowda, Yedatore taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Times are changing. We do not get timely and sufficient rains. Though the produce of the land is fair enough, prices remain the same both in good and bad seasons. The conditions of the poor and labouring classes are very deplorable. They are becoming day by day weak, sickly and short-lived. The main reasons for this state of affairs are (1) the denudations of the extensive forest tracts in the State, (2) the avariciousness of the raiyats, who cut down indiscriminately all trees in their holding for fuel, which is selling at very high rates, and (3) the greed of the mercantile community, who enhance the price of grain, collect and export them in large quantities to make money. As a remedy, it is proposed (1) that the forest area in the State should be extended, (2) that the cutting down of trees largely in the existing forest should be stopped, (3) that the raiyats should be compelled to plant sufficient number of trees in their holdings and (4) that large exportation of food stuffs outside the State should be stopped.

SUBJECT No. 538.

Damage to sandal trees on occupied lands.

Mr. Nadig Bhaskar Rao; Shimoga District Board.

Summary of Representation.—The liability imposed on occupants of lands for damages to sandal trees thereon without their knowledge is rather hard, as on several occasions sandal trees are damaged by mischievous persons to bring the occupants to trouble. It is not in the nature of things possible for occupants to be able to find out such culprits. It is prayed that the present rules may be so modified as to render occupants liable for all cases of injuries caused to sandal trees voluntarily.

SUBJECT No. 539.

Game Preservation.

Mr. C. Vasudeviah, Chamrajnagar taluk.

Summary of Representation.—This department is solely intended for preservation of game. The duty of the officials of this department now consists simply in inspection and there is no benefit to the Government or to the

raiyats. Requests that arrangements may be made for better supervision by the said officers, so that the poor raiyats may be saved from the ravages of wild animals.

SUBJECT No. 540.

Sale of timber.

Mr. P. Venkappiah, Shimoga municipality.

Summary of Representation.—A liberal commission of 6 annas per cubic foot is given to Mr. H. F. Strickland for the export of Mysore timber to foreign countries and special concession rate of 13 annas per cubic foot to Mr. Hajee Ismail Sait for *matti* and other kinds of timber for export to the Kolar Gold Fields. In spite of these concessions the major portion of timber purchased by the Gold Mining Companies at Kolar comes from Malabar. Moreover the logs given to these agents of the department are superior ones and better dressed than those given to other local customers. If the concessions given to Messrs. Strickland and Hajee Ismail Sait are shown to other local timber merchants, it would not only be an encouragement to local trade but would also yield better revenue to the Forest department. If the sale of timber in Egypt and other countries has been yielding profitable results, depots may be established by Government in convenient places in those countries.

SUBJECT No. 541.

Malnad Raiyats' Privileges Rules.

Mr. Nadig Bhaskara Rao, Shimoga District Board.

Summary of Representation.—Wood and bamboos at concession rates are now granted only to the raiyats of malnad parts. The raiyats of maidan parts cannot obtain wood and bamboos near their own villages and they have to obtain these things from long distances and pay full seigniorage rates and a heavy cart hire for conveying them. It is therefore prayed that the concession rates allowed to the raiyats of the malnad villages may be extended also to the maidan parts of the semi-malnad taluks.

SUBJECT No. 542.

Remission of *hulbanni*.

Messrs. A. Narasimha Iyengar, H. Madhava Rao, Yagayyana Krishnappa and Rattehalli Puttappa, Sagar taluk.

Summary of Representation.—*Hulbanni* has been remitted in the State Forests in the ghat regions of this district. An extension of this privilege to all the State Forests in the malnad will be of immense benefit to the raiyats, as cattle do not thrive well in the malnad. It is submitted that the income from this source is very small and it cannot be said that it is recovered without some hardship to the raiyats. A temporary remission of this levy may be tried experimentally.

SUBJECT No. 543.

Rights of kanholders to trees in occupied *kans*.

Mr. Nadig Bhistappa, Sorab taluk.

Summary of Representation.—The kanholders originally enjoyed full rights with respect to the trees in occupied *kans*. These privileges have now been very much curtailed by the Forest department and kanholders have been allowed the right to remove only the dead wood fit for fuel in occupied *kans*. As the kanholders pay a heavy assessment on lands which yield little or no produce, they may be granted rights to remove dead wood of the species